



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : MARRIOTT et al. Confirmation No: 3979  
Appl. No. : 09/646,111  
Filed : November 20, 2000  
Title : IMPROVED CRYSTAL STRUCTURE  
  
TC/A.U. : 1615  
Examiner : S. Tran  
  
Docket No.: : MARR3001/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of December 9, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on April 9, 2004 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee. In addition, Applicants concurrently submit herewith a Notice of Appeal and payment of the required fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 5 of this paper.